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Title: **METHODS FOR AND APPLICATIONS OF LEARNING AND INFERRING THE PERIODS OF TIME UNTIL PEOPLE ARE AVAILABLE OR UNAVAILABLE FOR DIFFERENT FORMS OF COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION AND INFORMATION ACCESS**

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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments and amendments.